

THE MIDWEEK



WORSHIP

THIS SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

Resting might seem relaxed or passive. But the Biblical view of rest actually calls for an active resistance to certain elements of our modern culture. How do the commands of a weekly Sabbath, a Sabbath year, & a Jubilee year show God's desire that we resist the pull of secular life? What might those secular temptations be? How can we rest in the Lord instead?

Joe Culpepper will be preaching the sermon, *The Resistance of Rest*, using Leviticus 25:1-4; 20-25; 35-38 Luke 12:13-21.

The service will be live streamed on YouTube at this [link](#).

Those who are serving November 14:

South Greeters: Marge Weaver

West Greeter: Marcia Rossi

Ushers: Hoffman Family

Welcome Table: Shannon Neely

Infant Nursery During Service: Gabriella Harnish

Infant Nursery During CE: Carrie Stalter

Preschool Nursery: David Harnish

Gather Round Sing-Along: Holly and Randy Zehr

Important Dates:

This Sunday:

After Worship:

Christian Education
for Children and
Youth

The Adult Christian
Education Class,
Salt and Light



This Week at MCN

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR:
THE FULL CHURCH CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE AT
NORMALMENNONITE.ORG

Wednesday, November 10

7:00 pm Discipling (Zoom)

7:30 pm Vision Team (Zoom)

Thursday, Nov 11

6:30 am Next Man Bible Study

2:00 pm Women's Book Group

6:00 pm Administration Commission (Zoom)

Friday, Nov 12

11:00 am Hazel Yoder Funeral

Sunday, Nov 14

1:30pm Spending Plan Hearing (Zoom)

Monday, Nov 15

11:00 am Ken Shoemaker Funeral

1:30 pm Community Life

Wednesday, Nov 16

9:30 am Men's Bible Discussion

9:30 am Wed. Morning Book Group

7:00 pm Pastoral Team Search Committee

School Kits

The high school Sunday School class is collecting MCC school kits through the end of the year. Please find a list of items for the school kits [linked](#). If you would like to donate a kit or kits, a bin will be available in the library. For those who wish to make a monetary gift, please see Randy Zehr. The Sunday School class will be procuring bags, so no need to provide them with your donation. Thank you for your support.

Structure Documents

Updated structure documents, including ministry descriptions, vision statement with commission assignments for the goals, structure changes, and a list of individuals called to serve in the new structure, are available at this [link](#).

Offering Envelopes

Please let the church office know if you would like more offering envelopes and if so, how many. Email church@normalmennonite.org or call 309-452-6622. Thanks!



Birthdays & Anniversaries



CELEBRATING LIFE'S MOMENTS AT MCN

Discipling Commission

The MC USA Faith Formation Team is again offering access for families and individuals to resources on creative ways to celebrate Advent at home. Below is a link to "Dare to Imagine" materials that cover Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. These can be printed out or read online from any device.

[https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/faith-formation/?ct=t\(FFnewsDec18_COPY_01\)](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/faith-formation/?ct=t(FFnewsDec18_COPY_01))

Periodical Orders for 2022

As a congregation, we qualify for group subscriptions to Anabaptist World, a monthly magazine to help readers glorify God, grow in faith, and become agents of healing and hope in the world (\$39), for 12 issues sent to your home beginning 1/22. And Rejoice, a quarterly devotional published by MennoMedia (\$33.50) delivered to your home. If you would like to order the Upper Room, (\$8) a copy will be placed in your mailbox every other month. Please email the church office at church@normalmennonite.org with your order. Please have your order in by November 11, 2021.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

MCN IS ASKED TO BE IN CONTINUED PRAYER FOR FOR THE CRITICAL CARE UNIT OF
CARLE BROMENN MEDICAL CENTER—OUR PARTNER IN HEALING FOR 2021

Prayer Requests and Announcements

Prayer requests and/or announcements should be submitted prior to the service. You may contact Lynette Miller via phone or email with your submissions throughout the week and she will relay them to the appropriate worship leader. Email: Lynette.Miller.k@gmail.com Phone: 309-261-7485

The REALLY Alternative Gifts Fair 2021

This year, Outreach Commission would like to see how much The Mennonite Church of Normal can support Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Can we raise \$6,000 in two months?

We think we can!

How it Works: This year for a variety of reasons, we are directing everyone to MCC's extensive website. Click [here](#) to see all the ways we can support the work of MCC. On a budget? No problem, stop by for a stocking stuffer. Have a price range? MCC can keep you on track. Have a special interest? Choose Food, Peace, Education, Water, and *many* other initiatives to check out.

Next Steps: The person gifting will receive an email with a tax-deductible acknowledgment. The person gifting can select to send an e-card to the recipient with information about their gift. When you have loaded up your cart, please email Lauren Satchwell to let us know how much you have donated, so we can help track our goal! Happy shopping!

Calendar Information Update

Committee and Commission Chairs please add your meetings to the church calendar and indicate if the meeting is in person or zoom by emailing the church. This is to make sure we aren't over our limit of zoom meetings happening at one time.

A Word from the office

Thanks for the warm welcome I have received since starting as the office administrator. I have a background in church administration and bookkeeping. Originally from Oxford, IN, I moved to Normal three years ago from Palatine, IL to be closer to my grandchildren. If I have not yet met you, I do hope I get that opportunity very soon! I am grateful for this opportunity to be serving the congregation of the Mennonite Church of Normal. Maggie Burton

Pastoral Search Committee

Who do you know who might be interested in applying for our pastoral team? Please send the names to marcirossi@aol.com. The search committee sends all names to Doug Luginbill, CDC Minister, who proceeds with upmost confidentiality.

Melika is at Seminary!

Our Members in Care Facilities

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS IN YOUR PRAYERS. SEND A CARD IF
THE SPIRIT LEADS YOU!

Staff Contact and Building Open Hours

Building Open: Monday – Friday, 9:00AM-Noon and 1:00PM-4:00PM.

Lynette Miller: Interim Pastor for Discipling and Community Life Commissions;
lynette.miller.k@gmail.com or 309-261-7485 or 309-963-4495

Lauren Satchwell: Youth Ministry and Interim Pastor for Vision Team, Administration & Outreach Commissions; satchwell.lauren@gmail.com 309-830-6827

Holly Zehr: Interim Pastor for Worship & Spiritual Gift Discernment Team; hmzehr@hotmail.com
309-846-860

Ron Ropp: Pastor for Pastoral Care; 309- 452- 8534

Maggie Burton: Office Administrator; church@normalmennonite.org or 309.452.6622

Bryan Oyer: Custodian

Directory
